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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/30/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. The Amendment filed on 30-June-2006 has been received and entered. Claims 2, 11, and 16 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are now pending.
2. Applicant's argument has overcome the 35 USC 101 rejections.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David J. McKenzie (Attorney of Record) on July 18, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims:

4. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

5. The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A link management system for creating links amongst units of information based on a list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said system comprising:

means for storing said list of identifiers, wherein said list of identifiers has a user

determined relative hierarchical order to direct said link management system in the creation of said links;

means for examining said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

means for linking a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and

another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

wherein

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source information content of a unit of source information;

the system further comprises:

means for generating said units of target information;
means for examining said list of identifiers to identify said source
information content assigned to a unit of target information;
and
means for inserting said source information content into a unit of
target information based on the identifier of said unit of
target information identifying said source information
content.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The link management system of claim 1 wherein a
plurality of source information content is assigned to a unit of target information.

4. (Currently amended) The link management system of claim 1 wherein:
said units of information are units of target information;
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source
information content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target
information;
said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers for identifying said units of target
information to be generated by said system, said first subset
hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said
units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers for identifying said source
information content to be inserted into said units of target
information identified by said first subset of identifiers;

said means for linking is ~~adapted~~ configured to link a unit of target information to at least
one other unit of target information based on the relative hierarchical order of
identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset for identifying said unit of target
information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset for identifying said
at least one other unit of target information; and

said system further comprises:

means for generating said units of target information; and
means for inserting at least one source information content into a
unit of target information based on an identifier of said
second subset identifying said at least one source
information content.

5. (Original) The link management system of claim 4 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying links for inter-linking units of target information.

6. (Currently amended) The link management system of claim 5 wherein the means for linking is ~~adapted~~ configured to inserting URL links.

7. (Original) The link management system of claims 3 or 5 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.

8. (Currently amended) A method performed on a computer system operationally coupled to computer readable memory for storing a list of identifiers, and said method for creating and managing links amongst units of information based on said list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said method comprising the steps of:

storing said list of identifiers, wherein said list of identifiers has a user determined
relative hierarchical order to direct a link management system in the creation of

said links;

examining said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

linking a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and

another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

wherein:

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source information content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target information;

said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers for identifying said units of target
information to be generated by said system, said first subset
hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said
units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers for identifying said source
information content to be inserted into said units of target
information being identified by said first subset of
identifiers;

said step of linking is ~~adapted~~ configured to link a unit of target information to at least
one other unit of target information based on the relative hierarchical order of
identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset for identifying said unit of target
information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset for identifying said
at least one other unit of target information; and

said method further comprising the steps of:

generating said units of target information; and
inserting at least one source information content into a unit of
target information based on an identifier of said second
subset identifying said at least one source information
content.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein:
said units of information are units of target information;
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source
information content of a unit of source information;
the method further comprising the steps of:

generating said units of target information;
examining said list of identifiers to identify said source
information content assigned to a unit of target information;
and
inserting said source information content into a unit of target
information based on the identifier of said unit of target
information identifying said source information content.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein a plurality of source information content is assigned to a unit of target information.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said list of identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying links for inter-linking units of target information.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of linking is ~~adapted~~ configured to inserting URL links.

14. (Original) The method of claims 10 or 12 wherein said identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.

15. (Currently amended) A computer program product ~~for use~~ in a computer system operatively coupled to a computer readable memory, the computer program product including a computer-readable data storage medium tangibly embodying computer readable program code executable on a computer to ~~for directing~~ said computer to create and manage links amongst units of information based on a list of identifiers arranged in an hierarchical order wherein each identifier identifies an associated unit of information, said computer program product comprising:

code ~~for to instructing~~ said computer system to store said list of identifiers, wherein said list of identifiers has a user determined relative hierarchical order to direct a link management system in the creation of said links;

code ~~for to instructing~~ said computer system to examine said list of identifiers to determine the hierarchical order of said identifiers within said list of identifiers;

code ~~for to instructing~~ said computer system to link a unit of information to at least one other unit of information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier identifying said unit of information; and

another identifier identifying said at least one other unit of information,

wherein:

said units of information are units of target information;

each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source information content of a unit of source information;

said computer program product further comprises:

code ~~for~~ to instructing said computer system to generate said units of target information;
code ~~for~~ to instructing said computer system to examine said list of identifiers to identify
said source information content assigned to a unit of target information; and
code ~~for~~ to instructing said computer system to insert said source information content into
a unit of target information based on the identifier of said unit of target
information identifying said source information content.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 15 wherein a
plurality of source information content is assigned to at least one unit of target information.

18. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:
said units of information are units of target information;
each said identifier of said list of identifiers is ~~adapted~~ configured to identify source
information content of a unit of source information assigned to a unit of target
information;
said list of identifiers further comprises:

a first subset of identifiers for identifying said units of target information to be generated by said system, said first subset hierarchically ordered to indicate preferred linking of said units of target information;

a second subset of identifiers for identifying said source information content to be inserted into said units of target information being identified by said first subset of identifiers;

said code ~~for to~~ instructing said computer system to link is ~~adapted~~ configured to link a unit of target information to at least one other unit of target information based on the relative hierarchical order of identifiers including:

an identifier of said first subset for identifying said unit of target information;

at least one other identifier of said first subset for identifying said at least one other unit of target information; and

said computer program product further comprises:

code ~~for~~ to ~~instructing~~ said computer system to generate said units
of target information; and
code ~~for~~ to ~~instructing~~ said computer system to insert at least one
source information content into a unit of target information
based on an identifier of said second subset identifying said
at least one source information content.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18 wherein said list of
identifiers further includes a third subset of identifiers for identifying links for inter-linking units
of target information.

20. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said
code ~~for~~ to ~~instructing~~ said computer system to link is ~~adapted~~ configured to inserting URL links.

21. (Original) The computer program product of claims 17 or 19 wherein said
identifiers of said list are data tags of a markup language.

Allowance

5. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-15, and 17-21 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neveen Abel-Jalil whose telephone number is 571-272-4074. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin can be reached on 571-272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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